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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to appellant's petition of May 6, 1996 to compel entry of the amendment of January 29, 1996 to the claims addressed in the brief on appeal also filed January 29, 1996.

1. The Examiner accepts the statement of sentences 2-3 of II. **Nature of the Amendment**, page 2, of the petition to compel entry, paper # 17:

"The Amendment proposed by Applicants' is directed only to matters of form and does not materially affect the scope of the claims. The Amendment was solely and completely directed to putting the claims in better form for appeal."

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Thus the petition is dismissed, and the amendment of 1-29-96, paper #10, is entered.

2. The Reply Brief of 5/06/96, paper # 16, is noted and no further comment is deemed necessary.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Amsbury whose telephone number is (703) 305-3828. The examiner can normally be reached on MTWT from 0630 to 1700.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas G. Black, can be reached on (703) 305-9707. The fax phone number for this Art Unit is (703) 308-5357 .

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.


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